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On the vote of confidence last night, the Government squeaked through with a majority of seven. There will probably be another vote of confidence on Monday night, and the situation is very tricky. I went to see General Eisenhower this morning. He had General Al Gruenther, Doug MacArthur, General Michaelis and Bob Richardson with him. We discussed at considerable length the results of the Foreign Ministers' Conference on the European Army. We went over various conversations which might be held and might be helpful in reconciling the differences between the Benelux countries and the larger nations. Eisenhower is absolutely superb about this. The leaders of all the countries involved trust him and respect him as they do no one else. He will pursue this matter vigorously in various directions. His grasp of a problem is very quick and he has a practical

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approach to finding solutions that is refreshing after one has listened to muddled views. I do not think the European Army could possibly have gotten anywhere near its present point had it not been for his constant interest and encouragement. We had lunch with the Alan Kirks at the apartment they are renting at 6, rue du General Foy. The other guests were the Australian Ambassador, Lois Jessup, Guy and Colette de la Tournelle, Cy and Marina Sulzberger and Countess du Luart.

My old friend Jo Davidson died of a heart attack at his house in Touraine the day before yesterday. I shall miss him. He called himself a reporter in sculpture. He had a wonderful talent for seizing a likeness in a short time. He had done many of the notable public figures of the last forty years, and walking through his studio was interesting for many reasons, but especially to one interested in the history of our times.

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This afternoon Messrs. Moose and Ballister, who have been inspecting the Embassy for many months,

I then saw Royall Tyler, who told me of late developments in his

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Joe Dasher came to see me. I helped him out with an affidavit when he was under a security investigation. He was completely cleared, and I imagine the matter only came up because of his Polish birth. He is a Colonel in the Air Force, and [redacted] Headquarters Commandant at Weisbaden. He has come down here for a few days to arrange the necessary support for the Defense Department Coordinating Committee, consisting of Messrs. Johnson, Hamilton and Smith. Joe was very useful in OSS, especially because of his remarkable command of languages.

I talked to Jack Hickerson in Washington about the French acceptance of the draft statement on Korea. It was a great relief to have this matter over. It seemed to me the accompanying French reservations would not cause any trouble since they were in accord with us on the text itself.

Georges Bidault asked me to come and see him. When I did so, he said he wanted to know if I considered it essential that a bilateral

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investigation of the French military budget take place. He has a problem regarding this in his Ministry, since some of his people are opposed to it, and want this handled entirely by the Temporary Council Committee of NATO. I told him I thought it was most important that we discuss this bilaterally not, however, to the exclusion of any NATO conversations. He said he would see it was done.

Betty and Bill Harcourt arrived tonight to stay with us. Jean Monnet telephoned me at home to say he was leaving tonight for Switzerland. He had talked with Bidault and he, Monnet, was [redacted] opposed to our bilateral conversations. This further complicates the problem, and I shall have to deal with it tomorrow. Jack McCloy called me from Germany, and told me something of his talk with Adenauer regarding the Foreign Ministers' meeting in Paris. ~~McCloy is~~ moderately well satisfied with the results.

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Tonight, the Harcourts and ourselves went to Henri Bernstein's play "Félix". It was first produced about 1926, but brought up to date and represented this winter. It was [redacted] amusing and distinguished, as are

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all of Bernstein's plays, by excellent acting. The girl who played the leading role, Mlle. Maria Mauban, was quite beautiful.

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